From: pamela scheinman
To: Simmons, Denise
Subject: Please vote against bigoted MAHP proposal
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Dear Ms. Simmons:

The BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement should more aptly be called the Bigoted, Demonizing and Slanderous movement. It, in fact, is not interested in human rights, but rather, has at its core mission to destroy Israel, the only Jewish state in the world.

It is very surprising that the Cambridge City council has allowed itself be drawn into the flagrantly false accusations against Israel and the Jewish State submitted by BDS sympathizers, Mass against HP (MAHP). Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. Israel is fighting for its survival against neighbors who refuse to acknowledge the more than 3000 year connection of the Jewish people to the land of Israel. What the enemies of Israel have been unable to accomplish militarily, they are now attempting to do via lies and boycotts.

To be very clear- it is a complete lie that Israel institutionalizes violence against the Palestinian people. Jewish people, however, are very accustomed to big lies concocted about them. From Wikipedia: "A **big lie** (German: *große Lüge*) is a propaganda technique. The expression was coined by Adolf Hitler, when he dictated his 1925 book *Mein Kampf*, about the use of a lie so "colossal" that no one would believe that someone "could have the impudence to distort the truth so infamously."

Since its creation in 1948 and then again in 1967 after Arabs lost lots of territory in their failed bid to destroy Israel, Israel has extended its hand in peace to its Arab neighbors including the Palestinians, time and time again. Israel's overtures have been met by waves of suicide bombings, knivings, car rammings, and daily incitement in Palestinian society to kill Jews and rid the whole of Israel of every Jew. The Palestinians in the disputed territories of the West Bank are more deceptive about their ambitions- to the Western media, say they are "peaceful", but in Arabic, they say the whole of Israel is theirs (www.memri.org), and inculcate their children to become suicide bombers and killers. They reward terrorists with handsome stipends for killing Jews, and name schools, soccer stadiums and public squares in honor of these killers.

Hamas, in Gaza, is more open about their intentions. In their charter, they have vowed to try to kill every Jew from under every stone and behind every tree (paraphrase of Hamas charter). Hamas has lobbed thousands of missiles into Israeli civilian centers since it took control of Gaza in 2006. Hamas has taken materials such as cement and money slated for infrastructure in Gaza and has invested it in building terror tunnels underground into Israel with the intent of kidnapping and killing Israeli civilians. Hamas cynically exploits its population as human shields; Hamas attacks Israel from schools, hospitals and crowded civilian centers, knowing that if Israel defends itself, it will cause great civilian casualties.

BDS and its supporters purportedly care about human rights; but where is their indignation about Syrian people suffering from chemical gas attacks by their leaders, gays who are stoned or otherwise killed in Saudi Arabia or Iran, women who are forced to undergo female genital mutilation in central Africa and elsewhere, indoctrination by Palestinian leadership of their children to become suicide bombers, and Israelis who are killed and maimed by terrorists?

The only country in the world that BDS and its supporters sees fit to scrutinize, boycott and divest from, is the only Jewish state in the world, Israel, who is fighting for its very survival. This is classic anti-Semitism.

I respectfully ask the members of the Cambridge City Council to: 1) open up the proposal of MAHP to a full hearing and 2) vote down the bigoted, demonizing and slanderous proposal put forward by Mass against HP in its bid to boycott, divest and sanction Israel.

Sincerely,

Pamela Scheinman